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Docket No: 7529/1H460-US2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ali Hemmati-Brivanlou, et al.

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: R. Zeman

For: TRANSLATION INITIATION FACTOR 4AIII, AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

January 5, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment and accompanying remarks in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Amend the first paragraph under the headline "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" on page 1, lines 4-7 of the specification as follows:

The present application is a [non-provisional application claiming the] divisional of U.S. Application Serial no. 09/318,443 filed May 25, 1999, which claims priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), of [copending] provisional U.S. Application Serial No. 60/087,575 filed June 1, 1998 [, the disclosure of which]. Each of these applications is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. [Applicants claim the benefits of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).]

On page 14, line 14, after "1A-" delete "1D" and insert therefor -- 1E --.

On page 14, line 15, after "Figure" delete "1A" and insert therefor -- 1A-B --.

On page 14, line 17, after "Figure" delete "1B" and insert therefor -- 1E --.

On page 60, line 12, after "Figures 1A-1B" insert -- and 1E --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-12, without prejudice.

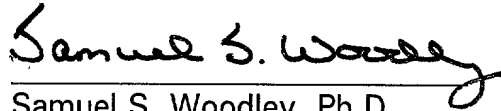
REMARKS

The claims have been amended solely to cancel claims directed to non-elected subject matter and to recite the necessary priority information in the specification. The amendments do not, therefore, introduce new matter to the instant application. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in the instant or in other, related patent applications. Upon entry of the above amendment, therefore, claims 13-26 will be pending in this application.

The specification has also been amended. In particular, the first paragraph of the specification has been amended to incorporate a reference to each prior patent application to which priority is claimed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2). The specification has also been amended to harmonize the specification with the formal drawings submitted herewith. These amendments to the specification do not add new matter.

Entry of the above amendment into the file history of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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